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Dear Dr Banerjee

#### **Final Regulation Impact Statement – Regulation of scope of registration applications for VET**

Thank you for forwarding the Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for the above proposal for final assessment on Wednesday 13 August 2014. I note that you have formally certified the RIS as required by the best practice regulation requirements.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) assesses RISs for consistency and adequacy – consistency relates to following the prescribed process and adequacy relates to the quality of the analysis. I note our comments of 28 July 2014 on the initial draft have been appropriately addressed.

I note the agency has been consistent with the RIS guidelines, having twice provided a certified details-stage RIS (addressing all seven elements) to the OBPR for the two-pass assessment before the decision-maker considers the RIS.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) has assessed that the proposal is likely to have relatively contained impacts on specific industry sectors as well as some sections of the community, as well as some minor competition impacts.

The OBPR has assessed that the RIS represents best practice at the final decision stage, as it does not contain obvious errors and has a degree of detail and depth of analysis that is commensurate with the magnitude of the problem and the size of the potential impact of the proposal. In addition:

- the regulatory savings associated with this proposal have been estimated and the estimates agreed with the OBPR;
- the scale and scope of the problem, both in terms of the risks to the community of appropriately qualified or equipped institutions offering training and the costs of poorly targeted regulation, have been explained;
- the RIS contains an outline of the consultation processes and key consultation responses;

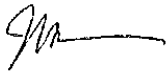
- the impacts analysis transparently states the assumptions on which the analysis was based; and
- the conclusion and recommended option is adequately supported by the analysis and supporting argument provided within the RIS.

The OBPR maintains a RIS website and the government requires that RISs be posted within five business days of a regulatory decision being publicly announced. We would appreciate you advising us when a decision on this proposal is announced, and forwarding a final copy of the RIS in *Microsoft Word .doc* format in a form meeting the Australian Government's *Web Content Accessibility Guidelines*. We suggest liaising with your web services team to ensure these guidelines are met. The OBPR should be consulted if the RIS is amended. It is the agency preparing the RIS, not the OBPR, which is responsible for the content of the published RIS.

The website provides a public comment facility on RISs posted on the site. The OBPR moderates this facility for offensive content but does not moderate debate.

Please retain this letter as a record of the OBPR's advice. Our reference number for this issue is 17037. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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